

## BOBBY BURNS IS SLATED TO GO

Shoulders Stoop Under 35 Years' Service.

### TALK OF RETIRING VETERAN

Conspicuous Figure at Police Headquarters—Old Man Doesn't Want to Stop Work.

After spending the best years of his life in the Police Department and filling various positions, from getting up before the peep of dawn to catch bakers with short weight bread loaves to watching Police Headquarters from sunset to sunrise, "Bobby" Burns is now up for retirement. He is strong, vigorous, and alert, and his shoulders are only slightly bent under the weight of almost seventy years.

For nearly fifteen years "Bobby" Burns, bright, cheerful, and jovial, has been a conspicuous figure around Police Headquarters. As he puts it, he has "been through the mill."

When he was first detailed to Police Headquarters the personnel of the staff there was much different from now. Out of the entire staff of those days there remain but two, "Bob" Boardman, now captain of detectives, and "Dad" Horne.

#### Civil War Veteran.

After serving in the civil war with the Union forces and spending much time enduring hardships in Anderson and Libby prisons, Burns left the army and came to Washington. At the age of thirty-four he was a tall, stalwart Irishman.

He easily obtained a position on the force, having all the qualifications of a policeman, chief of which was service in the army.

Major Moore, at that time head of the Police Department, detailed the promising young man to the Fourth precinct, located in Southwest Washington—the "Island," as that section of the city was known in those days. Burns made many cases, paid strict attention to his duty, and kept down complaints. Appointed in the seventies, he trod the hard bricks of Southwest Washington until 1891, when he got the headquarters detail.

#### His Hint Taken.

One cold winter night Major Moore dropped into the Fourth precinct station for reasons best known to himself, and was leaning against the railing as Burns came in to go on duty. The two left the station together, and the policeman said to his superior:

"Major, I have always made it a practice to watch suspicious people when they come on my beat, and I intend to watch you, because I am most suspicious to see you around this part of the city at this hour of the night."

Major Moore laughed and shook the policeman's hand. The two walked up the street, and Major Moore came upon piles of brick and sand which were being used by men who were repairing the street.

"Hello! What are they doing here?" he inquired of the policeman.

#### Wore Out the Bricks.

"They're fixing the street, major. I wore those bricks out patrolling this beat. And as the bricks were wearing so am I."

Major Moore took the hint. Four days later Burns was ordered to report at Police Headquarters.

Before that he had acted as license inspector, broad inspector, and had also taken the places of the headquarters telegraph operators who receive the reports of arrests and accidents from the various precincts throughout the city. The telegraph system was used exclusively in the police department, and there were but few men who knew it. Burns was bright and capable and gave satisfaction. At headquarters he immediately sprang into favor because of intelligence and geniality.

It was his habit to assemble the youngsters on cold nights when they were on duty in the detective office and tell them his wartime experiences and how he lived on Irish potatoes alone in Ireland. He related interesting and amusing stories and held newspaper men and young detectives in wrapt attention for hours. Although all had work to do, they could not resist his stories nor his manner of telling.

#### Called Up for Examination.

Recently he went on leave. While enjoying a vacation he was called up by the medical examiners, who wish to see if he was not a fit subject for retirement. His eye is as clear as an eagle's, his constitution strong, his appetite more than normal. Yet, his shoulders stoop a trifle.

All these things the physicians found, and reported to Major Sylvester, who frequently drops into detective headquarters and talks to Watchman Burns, a habit dating from the time when Sylvester was only a property clerk in the department.

It is now rumored around Police Headquarters that "Burns' days on the force are numbered. The mere hint of this brings tears to the old man's eyes. While it is true he may not be physically able to do eight hours' street duty like young men who entered the department last July, he deems himself fully competent to fill the position of night watchman at Police Headquarters, and knows the ropes, and the work is neither hard nor tedious.

#### Still Active and Bright.

Thirty-five years in the Police Department have left their marks upon him. Yet, he is alert and active, both physically and mentally. No brighter or more intelligent man than Burns ever spent fifteen years as a watchman. Throughout his long service on the force Burns has faced the trial board but once. He pleaded guilty, and paid the penalty. He was building an addition to his house, and employing men by the day to do the work. One day he returned home and took his breakfast and lunch time, three hours altogether, in one stretch, instead of reporting to his station after breakfast, and then returning home two or three hours later. Burns puts it this way:

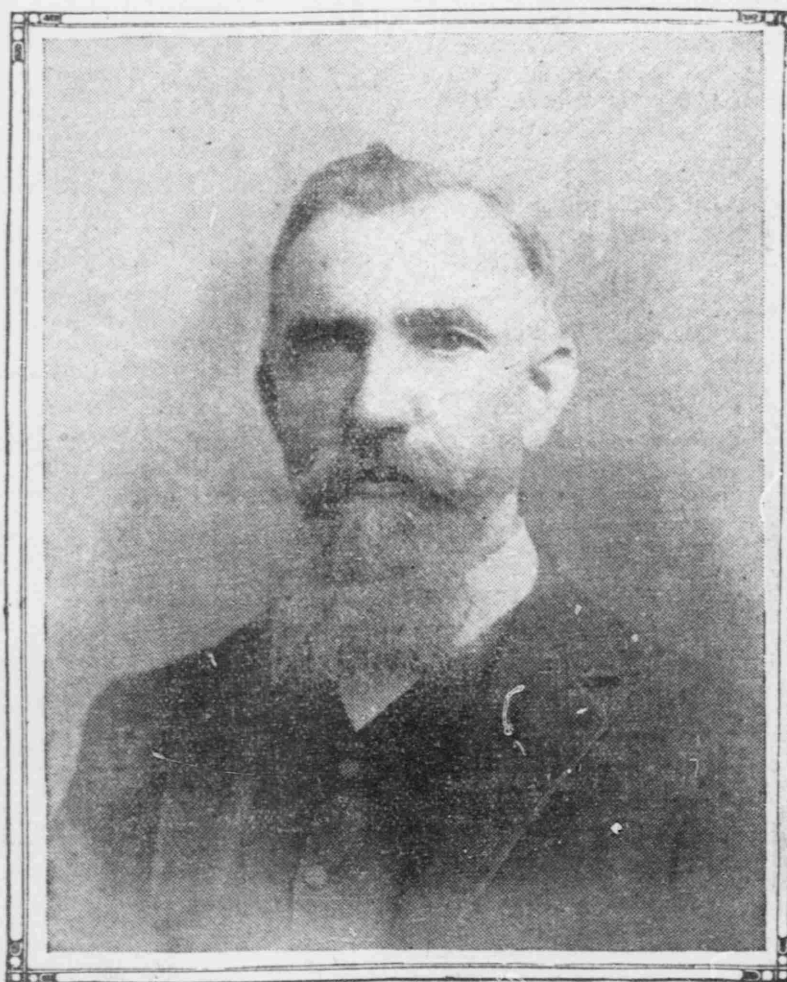
"Yes, that was the only time. And my lieutenant was kind enough to report me for it."

Some persons around Police Headquarters have circulated the report that the old man is well fixed financially. Keeping a family of nine on \$75 a month for ten years and \$50 thereafter, leaves little.

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## RETIREMENT THREATENS POLICEMAN



"BOBBY" BURNS.

Watchman at Headquarters Whose Invariable Good Nature and Good Stories Have Endured Him to the Force.

He balance for accumulation. At least Bobby Burns says it does not, and he has had thirty-five years of trial, and is qualified to speak. Reports that he has a lot of property and cash, he says, are untrue. Yesterday he placed in Major Sylvester's hands a document from a building and loan association which shows he is now paying \$40 a month out of his \$90 on his house "on the island."

#### A Bad Knock.

"I haven't a dollar," said Burns yesterday.

"How can a man save money on the salary I've been getting all these years? I have been everything from telegraph operator to bread inspector, from there to amateur detective and license inspector, and put in the best and most of the years of my life in the department."

"I have a boy home with a broken leg. Another has been sick all winter. I have seven other children besides. If they retire me on a pension of \$50, or such a matter, what on earth can I do with that? Forty dollars has got to go for the house."

The old man, who is beloved by everyone who has been thrown in contact with him, chiefly detectives and newspaper men, who work all night and have been entertained by his stories, broke down yesterday. His eyes filled with tears, he choked down a lump in his throat and walked out of Police Headquarters, saying:

"Well, such is life. I did the best I could and now this comes upon me at the worst possible moment."

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## GOV. VARDAMAN MISSES SALARY

Mississippi State Treasury Now Depleted.

### OFFICIALS OBLIGED TO WAIT

Chicago Company Fails to Pay for Bonds and Government Depends Solely Upon Taxes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 20.—As the result of the failure of Harris & Co., bankers of Chicago, to settle for the \$500,000 bond issue which they purchased recently, the Mississippi treasury has been depleted to such an extent that the salaries of Governor Vardaman and other State officials have not been paid with accustomed regularity.

The treasurer has been unable to meet the warrants except as the collections from taxes came in, and whenever he had exhausted the available cash he instructed the officials to call the next day.

## RECORD AGREEMENT TO LIVE SEPARATE

Mr. and Mrs. Swing, Husband and Wife, Come to Arrangement and File It in Court.

An agreement has been placed on record between Clement L. Swing and his wife, Barbara Swing, by which they agreed to live apart for the rest of their lives.

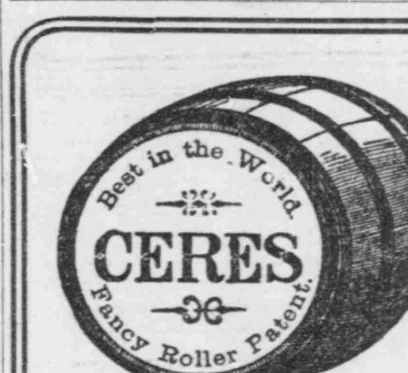
It is stipulated that each shall own and hold real estate as if they were unmarried. In April, 1902, Mrs. Swing began suit for maintenance. The suit was dismissed at the instance of Mrs. Swing on April 12 of this year.

The agreement recorded today is dated March 30 last and provides that Mrs. Swing should discontinue her suit against her husband. This, as the records show, she did a few days after.

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### \$10 Niagara Falls Excursion.

Pennsylvania Railroad's next personally-conducted tour to Niagara Falls leaves Washington by special train of vestibule coaches and Pullman parlor cars at 8 a. m. September 22. Tickets, \$10, good for ten days. The last of these excursions for the season will leave Washington October 14. These excursions present an excellent opportunity to visit the greatest of natural wonders at the cheapest rate.



## DR. HUGHES VICTIM OF TYPHOID FEVER

Dr. Charles Avery Hughes, a young dental surgeon of Washington, died yesterday morning of typhoid fever at the home of his father-in-law, Dr. L. A. H. Bishop, in Dover, Del. Burial will be made in the latter city.

Dr. Hughes was a member of the District National Guard, and it was during the recent encampment at Harpers Ferry that he contracted the fever from which he died. His mother was spending the summer in Tennessee, and his wife was on a visit to her parents in Dover when Dr. Hughes returned to Washington with fever. His temperature was found to be very high and his family physician advised him to go at once to some place where he would have attention, as there was no one then at the Hughes' home. Dr. Hughes went immediately to Dover and his fever developed into a violent attack from which he could not rally.

The young physician was the son of Col. Hughes, U. S. A., retired. Four years ago he graduated from Columbian University, and since that time he had been practicing his profession of dental surgery at his parents' home, 406 M Street northwest. He was a member of the B. B. French Lodge of Masons, and recently took his third degree in the order. During the last collegiate year at Columbian Dr. Hughes was one of the demonstrators in dentistry.

## SONS OF JONADAB MEET IN HOPE COUNCIL NO. 1

There was a large attendance of the advocates of temperance at a meeting held last night, under the auspices of Hope Council, No. 1, Independent Order Sons of Jonadab, at Concordia Hall, Sixth and E Streets northwest.

Emmet O'Brien presided. There was business of much importance attended to, after which those present were entertained by songs, recitations and addresses. S. W. Russell, Maloney and Summeret, a trio of pioneer Jonadabs, each of whom has been an active worker in the cause of total abstinence for twenty odd years, addressed the meeting, and they told of the good work the order is doing in this city and elsewhere.

Prof. Rufus Galland, organist of Calvary Church, played suitable musical selections. A representation was presented from the grand council of the District of Columbia, consisting of J. F. Le Barnes, Lieut. John C. Daley, John W. Richardson, Fabian Columbus, Joseph Hodgson, and S. W. Russell.

William A. Hickey was elected delegate, and John W. Williams and Charles Summeret, alternates to the convention of the grand council, which will meet in this city in a few days to arrange for the coming anniversary of the organization.

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Despite the fact that the flour market has advanced considerably during the last five or six weeks, you can buy a barrel of "CERES" flour for \$7.75 per barrel from your grocer, or \$1.95 for 4 barrel—or 49 pounds.

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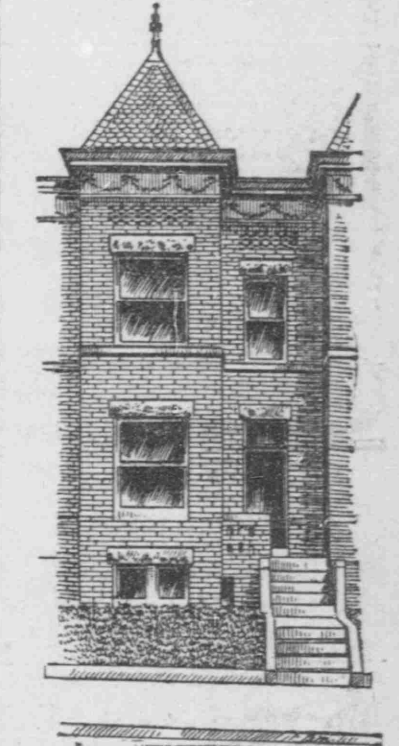
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